SIMIS Grant Eligibility Criteria

Following are the factors that the Bureau of Primary Healthcare will consider when determining if a SIMIS project is eligible for grant award:

- The Bureau will give priority to statewide networks. Other proposals for marketplace MIS will be considered, if compelling; and as funding is available.

- The network will or will plan to integrate data using a common data structure, common business rules and practices, and a common information system to facilitate centralized data integration. This common information system should include common vendor software.

- The network will have or will plan to hire a chief information officer (CIO). The CIO will provide technology vision and leadership for developing and implementing IT initiatives that support the enterprise in a constantly changing and intensely competitive marketplace.

- The network will have demonstrated the commitment of its members to the extent that members will have signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). The MOA defines:

    - relationships between the participating organizations
    - network organizational structure
    - strategic planning results
    - market analysis results
    - plans for resourcing the network

- The network will have demonstrated commitment to gain economies of scale from other than MIS means. For example, the network may be implementing:

    - collaborative clinical protocol development
    - shared training resources
    - integrated medical supply purchasing processes
    - centralized billing or payroll processing

- Finally, the network will have a demonstrated history of working together to formulate a practical and sustainable MIS plan for this initiative. This history can be demonstrated through development and submission of:

    - a solid Business Proposal that depicts how an improved MIS infrastructure will support business objectives
    - a comprehensive budget as outlined in the Financing Plan that demonstrates decreasing reliance on the BPHC.